GREAT LOVE XLI

LOVE TESTED

Have you ever considered all that God has to deal with from his children to continue loving us? Jeremiah 31:3 says that he has loved us with an everlasting love. Surely there has been many times when that love was tested. If he had been us he would surely have put us away. I’m glad he is not me. I am also glad he has given us the ability to love at a higher degree.

Earlier this week one of my grandchildren had to go to the doctor with a sinus infection. One of the medicines was a steroid. At the time I am writing this devotion I have a grandchild who is ON STEROIDS. She said the blessing at breakfast this morning “on steroids.” She is playing mommy to her baby “on steroids.” I cooked breakfast, with her help, “on steroids.” At this moment she is under the table doing something to my feet “on steroids.”

Now you know that by nature I am slow. I’ve had some back and knee issues this week that makes me slower than usual (if that is possible), so you can see that I would have some problems with a child on steroids. Love can be tested. When she disobeys, she disobeys “on steroids.” When she wants something she is definitely “on steroids.” Oh yes, love can be tested. Now she wants gummies. Can you imagine a two year old on a sugar high on steroids? Oh my! Someone may have to give me some steroids. Oh no! Everything is quite. That’s not good! She has a bottle of someone’s lotion. With God’s help we will survive this day. Please don’t think I am complaining. I just realize that surely God looks at us sometimes and says “What is wrong with you?”

Let me say this before I close. The grandchild also loves “on steroids.” She just ran up to me and hugged me. Those little actions of love over shadow all the former actions that would challenge my love. Life is good when your love has been tested and has passed the test.

Yours in Christ,

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